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Sen. Rodríguez's statement on Supreme Court hearing DAPA/DACA challenge

The Supreme Court today heard oral arguments in *United States v Texas*, which challenges President Obama's executive order on Deferred Action for Parents of Americans (DAPA) and expanded Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program (DACA).

Sen. Rodriguez, Chairman of the Senate Democratic Caucus, released the following statement:

Today, the Supreme Court is hearing a case that has direct bearing on the lives of millions of people in this country, including an estimated three quarters of a million current Texas residents and their families. Instead of welcoming the President's bold actions and the Texas residents who simply want to continue their contributions to the state, state leaders chose instead to pander to anti-immigrant sentiment. Immigrants are part of the American identity, and the President's lawful actions are in line with a bipartisan tradition of presidential executive action regarding immigration issues. They enrich Texas in every way - culturally, economically, and socially - and we should be embracing them by supporting efforts that will help keep families together and benefit all of us.

José Rodríguez represents Texas Senate District 29, which includes the counties of El Paso, Hudspeth, Culberson, Jeff Davis, and Presidio. He represents both urban and rural constituencies, and more than 350 miles of the Texas-Mexico border. Senator Rodríguez currently serves as the Chairman of the Texas Senate Democratic Caucus, and is a member of the Senate Committees on Education; Health and Human Services; Veteran Affairs and Military Installations; Nominations; and Agriculture, Water, and Rural Affairs.